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Re: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 257X), *Union Pacific Railroad Company --
Abandonment and Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption -- in Benton
County, OR*

Docket No. AB-986 (Sub-No. 1X), *Willamette & Pacific Railroad, Inc. --
Discontinuance of Service and Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption --
in Benton County, OR*

Dear Ms. Brown:

I have been retained by Oregon, Pacific & Eastern Railroad Company (OPE) in the above proceeding.

On June 6, 2011, through its President, Robert W. Larson, OPE filed a notice of intent to file an offer of financial assistance in the proceeding.

The Board's procedural decision issued on June 10, 2011 did not take note of OPE's June 6, 2011 filing.

OPE understands that it will be required to file its Offer of Financial Assistance (OFA) within 10 days after the Board's decision on the merits of the proposed abandonment (i.e., on or before September 19, 2011 inasmuch as that decision will be issued on September 9, 2011).

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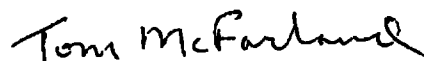
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OPE hereby respectfully requests that in its decision in response to the OFA to be filed by OPE, the Board acknowledge OPE's June 6, 2011 filing.

Very truly yours,



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